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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations; Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in the Conference Room of William M. Mercer, Incorporated, 30th Floor, Conference Room 30C, 1166 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York, on Monday, March 29, 1999, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in Title 29 U.S. Code, Section 1242 (a)(1)(B).

We have determined as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), that the subject of the meeting falls with the exception to the open meeting requirement set forth in Title 5 U.S. Code, section 552(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such meeting be closed to public participation.

Dated: March 24, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 25, 1999.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments

regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Emergency Loan Policies, Procedures and Authorizations—7 CFR part 1945-D.

OMB Control Numbers: 0560-0159.

Summary of Collection: The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act of 1972 authorizes emergency loss loans to assist farmers who have suffered physical or production losses in areas declared by the President, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, or named for physical loss loans by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator. Funds may be used to restore or replace essential property, pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year, pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year, essential family living expenses,

reorganize the farming operation, or refinance debts. Emergency loss loans are low interest direct loans which are made and serviced by FSA officials. FSA will document and verify the extent of losses suffered because of the natural disaster, and account for loan funds that will be disbursed to borrowers in more than one installment.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information using forms to determine an applicant's eligibility and property loss and account for loan funds that will be disbursed. The collected information will be used to protect the government's financial interests by ensuring that only farming operations which have suffered a 30 percent production loss are determined eligible for emergency loans.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 3,100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 4,960.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Regulations Governing the Voluntary Grading of Shell Eggs.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0128.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 1087-1091, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) (AMA) directs and authorizes the Department to develop standards of quality, grades, grading programs, and services to enable a more orderly marketing of agricultural products so trading may be facilitated and so consumers may be able to obtain products graded and identified under USDA programs with the confidence of receiving quality in accordance with the standards, grades, and regulations. The regulations provide a voluntary program for grading shell eggs on the basis of U.S. standards, grades, and weight classes. In addition, the shell egg industry and users of the products have requested that other types of voluntary services be developed and provided under these regulations; e.g., contract and specification acceptance services and certification of quantity. This voluntary grading service is available on a resident basis or a lot-fee bases. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will collect information using forms PY-100, PY-157, and PY-240.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information on the name, address, and the kind of services or benefits the respondents wish. The